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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO MOSCOW MARCH 7, FROM RABAT
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1014

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MAGG MO UR

SUBJ: SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN RABAT

REF: RABAT 888

1. RUMORS WERE CIRCULATING DIPLOMATIC CORPS EVENING MARCH 6
THAT SOVIET MILITARY MISSION ARRIVED RABAT SAME DAY. ISTIQLALI
ARABIC DAILY " AL- ALAM" MARCH 7 REPORTED MISSION' S ARRIVAL AND
SAID IT IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS WITH MOROCCAN MILITARY SUPPLY OF
SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION FOR TANKS SOVIET UNION PROVIDED TO
MOROCCO IN 1967. NO OTHER CONFIRMATION OF REPORT AT PRESENT.

2. MUSLO SOURCE REPORTS ARRIVAL MORNING MARCH 7 OF SMALL
SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANE AT RABAT/ SALE AIRPORT CARRYING ABOUT
TWENTY PASSENGERS. PLANE DEMONSTRATED SHORT FIELD LANDINGS.
DAO REPORTING FURTHER DETAILS.

3. VISIT OF SOVIET MISSION REPORTED IN " AL- ALAM." WOULD
BE CONSISTENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA' S STATEMENT
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TO AMBASSADOR FEB. 27 IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD ASKED
FOR SPARE PARTS FOR SOIVET MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN
MOROCCAN HANDS DURING JANUARY VISIST TO MOSCOW (REFTL).
THERE NO FURTHER INFOMRMATION ON TRANSPORT PLANE AND CREW
AT PRESENT. ROCKWELL UNQUOTE ROGERS

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